Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - February 2021

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month. 6:30pm at St Johns Hall. 72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

Next meeting : Tue 9th Mar 2021. 6:30pm.

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Tamworth 4wd Club

Editors Blurb

G'day everyone.

Hopefully we can shortly get back into the swing of things. As of writing this, NSW has now gone something like 29 straight days without someone getting zapped by the plague.
If only Victoria could do the same.

New Years eve was a bit of a wash out. Never go to Nundle pub for lunch on new years eve day. The trip to the farm on Aus long weekend was totally awesomeo. Sat and drank and swimmed (swammed) and didn't do much. But it was good.

Kinda looking forward to Coolah Tops trip over Easter. Essentially three lookouts, two huts to explore, the largest or tallest Snowgum in NSW (I still have not seen this), huge tall grass tree's, and five waterfalls are all things to see. The choice of at least five camp grounds - at least three grounds have new-ish pit loo's put in by National Parks over the past two years. There is not much technical driving, but the night drive out to Breeza lookout should be one of the best drives and views the club has done in a long time. Look out for Sugar Gliders—they are supposed to be everywhere.

See ya then.
/Bushy

Tamworth 4wd Club

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8th December 2020.—Meeting Minutes.
Meeting opened : 6:30pm.
Apologies: Jodie, Tim.
Minutes from last meeting read out. True and corerect. Bushy & Paul.
Correspondence In:
- Port Macquarie Newsletter.

Correspondence Out:
- Newsletter to members and sponsors, and Port Macquaire, Dubbo, Coffs Harbour and Grafton District 4wd Clubs.

Financials : Reserve A/C : $4180.68
Working A/C : $1001.47
Katrina reimbursed entry money or members for Bowling.
Paul reimbursed for $149.34 for Toilet hire at CIJ with Halloween in October.
Business arising :
-Portaloo - Paul is still looking into this.

General Business :
-Welcome Visitors.
-Maggie from Association emailed Bushy - 4wd show hopefully will run. Dates: 1-2 May. They are looking or local helpers. Contact Dave (Bushy) if you are intersted in helping. Maggie also let Bushy know she can print club Brochures for us if we could create a template. (Ed: done!). All members agreed thats a good plan.
-Tirfor: Leanne to contact seller on Facebook to enquire as to how much and where its located. Club purchases if price and location is suitable. (Ed: is listed over a few pages)
- Membership cards - Leanee will bring to next meeting.
- Membership fees - still $60/year. Due at AGM (April or May)

Trips:
- Coolah Tops - leave Fri 2nd April, return 5 April. Over Easter.
Bushy (trip Leader) will provide more trip details on FB post.
-Anzac Day @ Taylors Arm. Leave 23 April, return 25 April.
Rick (Trip Leader) to provide mroe info on FB post/event.
-Coolah. June Longweekend. 12/June-14/June.
More details to follow as they come in. It is an inter-club social get-together weekend, ran by the Association, for a camp oven cook off - and other fun events. Will be located at Coolah Showgrounds. Trip to Coolah Tops, and down through to Merriwa may be on the cards. *This is highly recommended!*
-Barrington Tops. Later in the year, possibly October long weekend. More details as date approaches.

Meeting Closed 7:09pm.

TRIPS

Camp Oven Cook Off - Coolah NSW
June Long Weekend -12th, 13th, 14th of June 2021. More details to come as we hear about it.
No fancy pic yet….

Coolah Tops—Easter 2021. Five waterfalls to explore (if it rains). Same number of camping locations. Two brilliant lookouts over looking the Liverpool Plains. Two bush huts to drive to and explore. Land of the giant grass trees.

Trip Leader : Dave (Bushy). See over page or more details.

ANZAC weekend at Pub with no Beer, at Taylors Arm.

For further info, contact Trip Leader Rick.

Coolah Tops is a national park located in New South Wales, Australia, 258 kilometres (160 mi) northwest of Sydney, established on 5 July 1996. It is managed by the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service. Its World Conservation Union category is II. It is situated 30 kilometres (19 mi) east of Coolah in the Liverpool Range, on the Coolah Creek Road. The park features waterfalls that plunge from the plateau. Giant grass trees and open forest with stands of snow gums shelter gliders, wallabies, eagles and owls. Camping and walking are the main recreational activities performed here. Views from the tops are possible over the Liverpool Plains. The sources of the Talbragar River and the Coolaburragundy River lie in the park.

Coolah Tops National Park is a playground for walkers and mountain bikers looking for a great cycling and camping experience. Sitting at the junction of the Warrumbungle and Liverpool ranges, Coolah Tops National Park is a beautiful landscape of giant grass trees, tall eucalypt forests and stands of huge snow gums. Take in spectacular views and see magnificent waterfalls on walking trails like The Falls link track, Racecourse track or Grasstrees track. Explore the Bundella track and Mullion track on your mountain bike. Birdwatchers should keep their eyes open, as Coolah Tops is home to an abundance of wildlife and birdlife, so you might see wallabies, eagles, gliders and rare owls. You may need to spend a weekend discovering everything that Coolah Tops has to offer. There's remote camping, so you can spend the night stargazing, or after a day of walking and mountain biking, perhaps you'd prefer to sleep soundly at rustic Bracken's Cottage.

Looking out across the beautiful landscape of Coolah Tops National Park, it's obvious why you'll find so much wildlife here. Wander quietly along one of the walking tracks and you'll probably have a close encounter with red-necked wallabies and eastern grey kangaroos. You might also find a wombat waddling through the campground. Coolah Tops has some of the highest population densities of greater gliders in Australia. At night, keep your torch handy to see greater gliders, ring-tailed possums and possibly feather-tailed gliders or a sugar glider in the nearby trees.

Pack your hiking boots and your mountain bike and be ready to get active in the bush at Coolah Tops. There are plenty of great walking tracks and trails to experience the bush on your bike. Make your way to lookouts like Shepherd's Peak or Breeza lookout for spectacular views to the north over the Liverpool Plains and the sheer escarpment. You'll also find several waterfalls along the escarpment where the creeks plunge over the plateau edge.

Bracken's Cottage, Coolah Tops National Park

It is just a little over three hours from Tamworth to the front entrance to Coolah Tops. Expect gravel roads and bring warming clothing. Travel to Coolah Tops on Friday 2nd April and return on Monday 5th April. Meeting locations still to be decided : possibly in Quirindi for a 9am leave, and at Caroona (for those wishing to take the short-cut) at 9:30am. Arrival time at Coolah Tops is ETA 11:15am.

Stay
Brackens Hut

Stay
Coxs Creek campground

Stay
The Barracks campground

Stay
The Barracks campground

Stay
The Pines campground

View
Breeza lookout

View
Bundella lookout

View
Norfolk Falls lookout

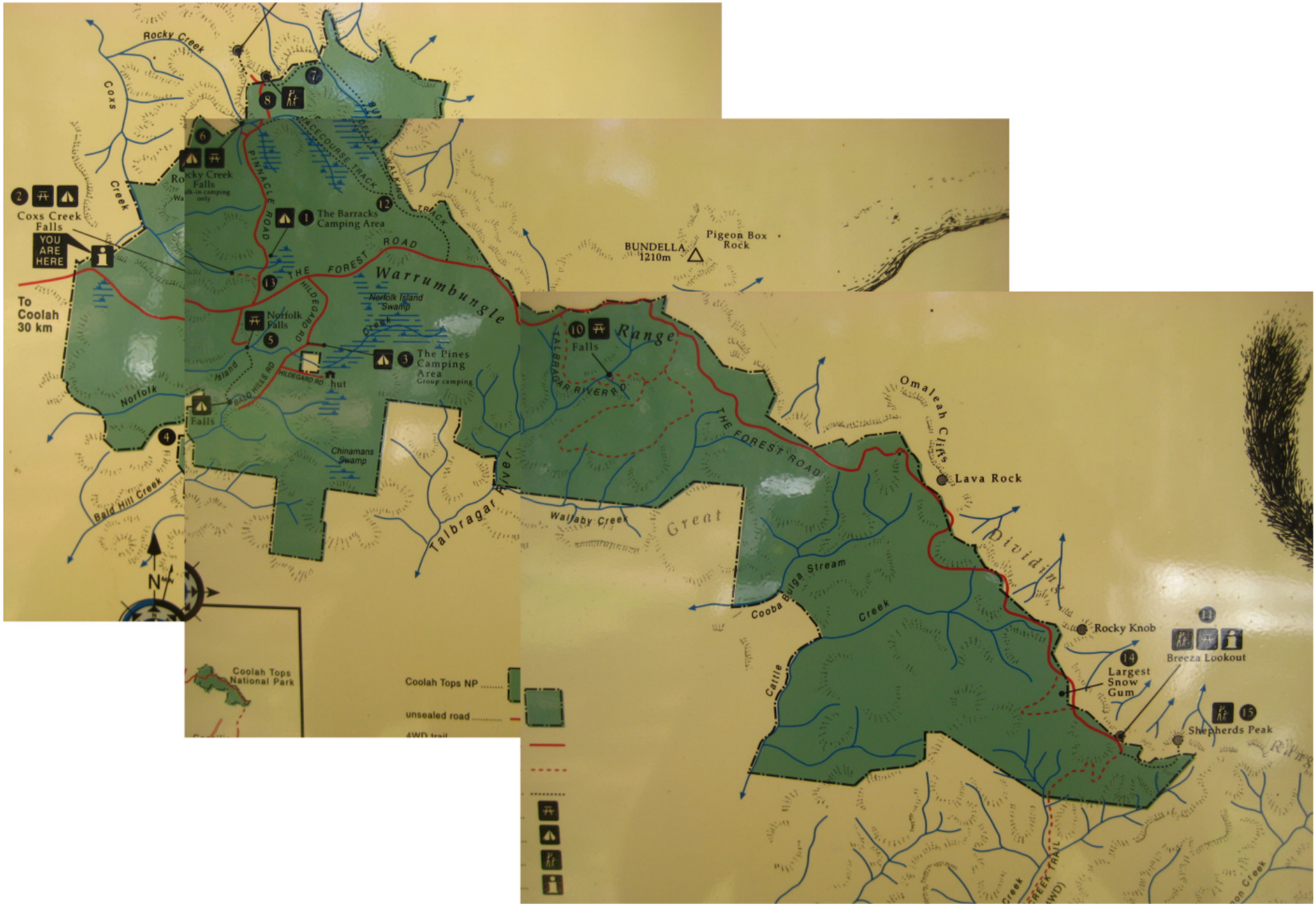
Walk
Norfolk Falls walk

Picnic
Bald Hill Creek Falls picnic area

Picnic
Norfolk Falls picnic area

View
Pinnacle lookout

adventure starts here.


Rocky Creek
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Coxs Creek Falls
YOU ARE HERE
To Coolah 30 km
Norfolk
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Pigeon Box Rock
Omaleah Cliffs
Lava Rock
Wallaby Creek
Great
Dividing
Cooba Bulga Stream
Cattle Creek
Rocky Knob
Largest Snow Gum
Breeza Lookout
Shepherds Peak
Coolah Tops National Park
Coolah Tops NP
unsealed road
4WD trail

<u>Trip report—Australia Day long Weekend at "The Farm", Forbes River.</u>
We arrived at 'The Farm' on Friday night at 10pm, setup, and joined Dave, Karma, and Aaron around the fire for a few hours.
The morning awoke to a nice beaut warm sunny morning, and I screamed like a girl immediately after plunging into the swimming hole. The water was a tad on the chilly side. At 10am Col & Leanne arrived, and by 11am we were all in the river once again trying to build a two foot high rock wall across the river. It has become the annual thing to do.

Sunday
Lounged around. Sat, ate, swam and drank. All day.

Monday morning saw the replacing of a rotting timber log beam, which brought much enjoyment and team building skills to the four males of the camp. A tree was cut, angles were out, and the log man-heaved into place with bolts for securement. After lunch, more swimming, sitting, lounging around drinking and eating was had. Monday arvo saw Josh & Crystal & family rock on up to spend the night, with tales of adventuring from the previous few days.

For Sale (as at time of writing)

Subject: 1600kg Tirfor

Hi Tamworth 4WD,

I have a Tirfor T516 for sale if anyone in your club would be interested. Is a few years old but has only been used once and is in top condition, snatch block and 2x 6.5t bows and 4.75t trunk protector/sling included see photo. If anyone is interested they can call me to arrange an inspection.
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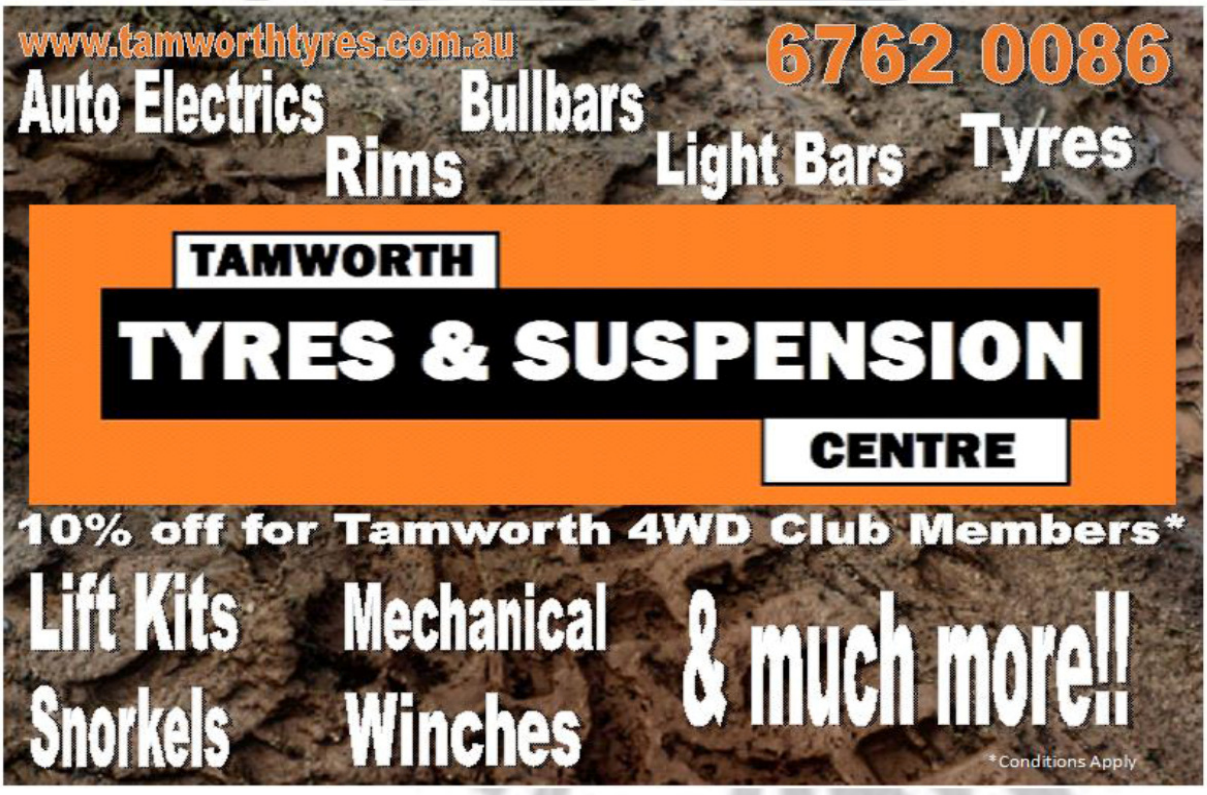

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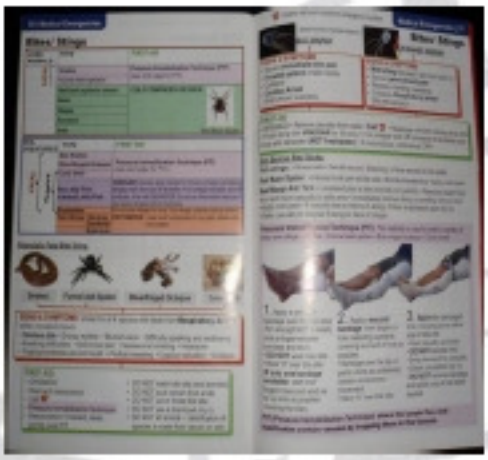
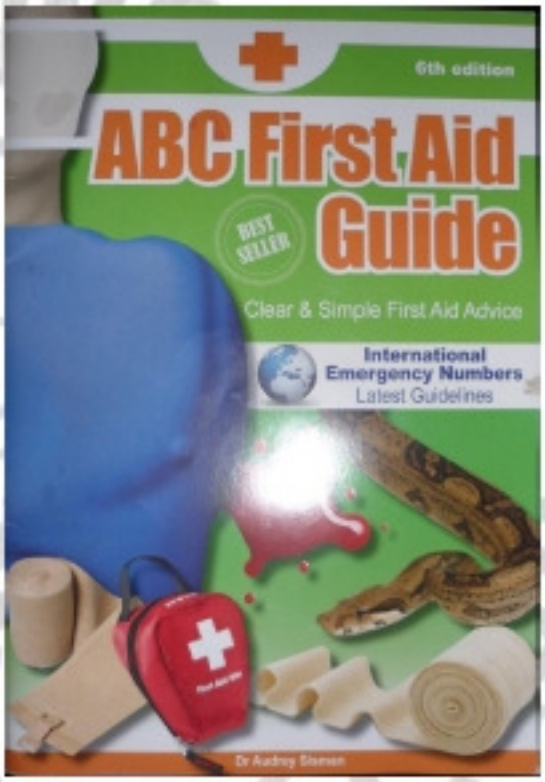
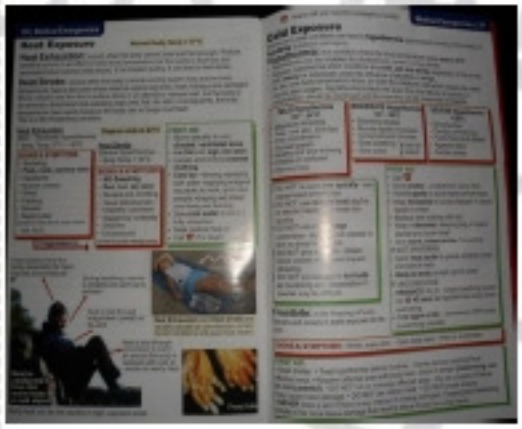
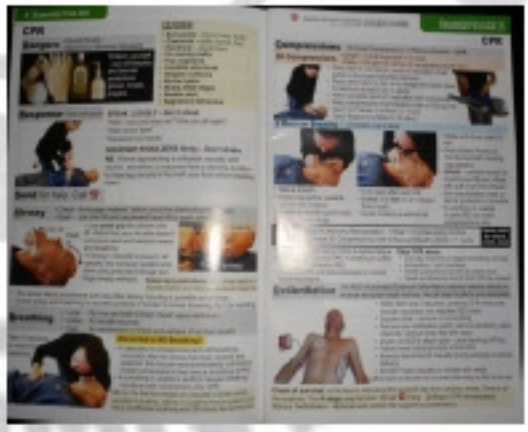








HISTORY OF THE TAMWORTH 4WD CLUB

Tamworth Recreational 4WD Club was formed in 1976 by local Four Wheel Drive owners. It is a family orientated club and caters for family participation in recreational four wheel drive touring and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction.Club trips can be one day or weekend drives into the state forests and national parks of the local area. Trips of longer duration to various parts of Australia (eg Simpson Desert, Fraser Island, Cape York, Kakadu just for ideas) are planned annually and in advanced. The choice of trip you take is entirely yours, from easy scenic trips to beautiful areas of near inaccessible terrain.Other clubs activities include social outings, bush camping, bush walking, fishing, driver training days, Xmas in July, demonstrations and inter club activities.

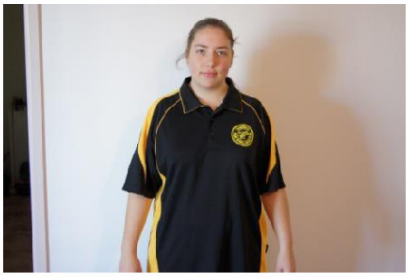
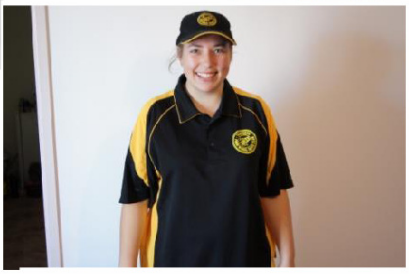
THE CLUB'S OBJECTIVES

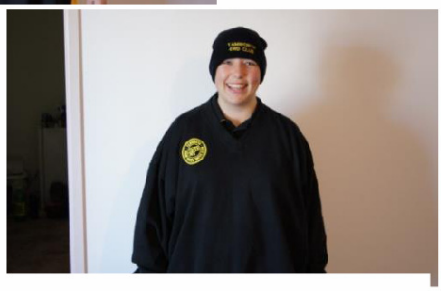
- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



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- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

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- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

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B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

TRIVIA

Here are the answers to the trivia questions in last month's newsletter

1) Which horse won the first Melbourne Cup? Archer
2) What year was the first Melbourne Cup run? 1866
3) Who was Australia's first Prime Minister? Sir Edmond Barton
4) What is an axolotl? A mexican walking fish
5) What is Australia's longest river? The Murray - Darling river system
6) How did Rover Park get it's name? Named after a faithful dog
7) In what year did man first land on the moon? 1968
8) What is the collective term for a group of kangaroos? A mob
9) Which current Australian Women's magazine was first published in 1902? Woman's Day
10)What species of Alligators are found in the area of the three Alligator Rivers in NT?
None. There are no alligators found in Australia

How did you go?

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